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1 WHEREAS, special efforts are made to encourage New Mexico
2 students and their parents to visit the legislature when it is
3 in session; and

4 WHEREAS, the state capitol has become a significant focal
5 point of New Mexican art and the venue of choice for exhibits
6 that highlight and celebrate the diversity of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, the members of the legislature have always sought
8 to make it both convenient and desirable for New Mexicans to
9 visit the state capitol; and

10 WHEREAS, it is especially clear that during legislative
11 sessions the parking available in the vicinity of the state
12 capitol is woefully inadequate for people wishing to
13 participate in the process of government, observe their
14 citizen-legislature at work or simply enjoy the various aspects
15 of visiting the state capitol; and

16 WHEREAS, continued encouragement by members of the
17 legislature to New Mexicans to visit the state capitol should
18 include assurances that safe and convenient parking exists; and

19 WHEREAS, the capitol buildings planning commission was
20 created to study and plan for the long-range facilities needs
21 of state government in Santa Fe and Albuquerque;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the capitol buildings planning
24 commission be requested to evaluate existing studies of public
25 parking in the area of the state capitol for the purpose of

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1 presenting specific proposals by December 31, 2003 to increase
2 the availability of parking in the area; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the capitol buildings planning
4 commission be requested to involve the city of Santa Fe, the
5 public employees retirement association, private property
6 owners and other entities in its study and formulation of its
7 recommendations; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the members and staff of the capitol buildings
10 planning commission.

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